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Media Advisory SAPD Arrest Results during Labor Day Weekend

The IDM (Impaired Driving Mobilization) TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grant began August 19th and concluded September 5th. Up to 9 additional officers were hired during each overtime shift and the assignments ran from 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. The wave resulted in 82 DWI arrests including 75 misdemeanors and 7 felony arrests.

Helpful options:

- Designate a sober driver
- Keep cab company phone numbers handy
- Look into alternate rides home such as public transportation
- Make arrangements to call someone you trust
- Spend the night where you are
- Step up and step in don't let friends and family drive if they've been drinking
- Volunteer to be a designated driver